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Permanent memorial to and remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade: status of the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial

Report of the Secretary-General

I. Introduction

1. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 65/239, the General Assembly requested the United Nations Office for Partnerships, through the Secretary-General, to submit a comprehensive report to the Assembly at its sixty-sixth session on the status of the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial, established with a view to the implementation of a permanent memorial to honour the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade.

2. The present report is submitted pursuant to that request.

II. Status of the Trust Fund

3. As at 30 June 2011, a total of $990,654 had been recorded as income received under the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial, comprising voluntary contributions from Member States amounting to $944,645, private donations totalling $28,057 and accrued interest income of $17,952. The breakdown of the contributions received is provided in the annex to the present report. With respect to expenditures from the Trust Fund, it may be noted that an amount of approximately $32,621 has been utilized for contractual services.

4. The committee of interested States, established to oversee the permanent memorial project (Permanent Memorial Committee) is continuing its efforts to raise

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additional contributions from Member States, the corporate sector, philanthropists and other private individuals. The Committee is also committed to ensuring that voluntary funds received from Member States are earmarked for tangible aspects of the project, including the international design competition and the construction of the monument, unless otherwise authorized by the Member States. The United Nations Office for Partnerships has administered the Trust Fund accordingly.

5. In keeping with the intention of the General Assembly as expressed in its resolutions 64/15 and 65/239, the Permanent Memorial Committee and the United Nations have jointly collaborated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to launch an international design competition for the permanent memorial, in view of the considerable experience of that organizatior with the Slave Route Project, and international competitions, and its worldwide presence through its network of field offices and national commissions. A tripartite memorandum of understanding and project document, which came into effect upon signature by the participants on 7 July 2011, provides the framework for collaboration over a period of eight months. Expenses relating to the international design competition will be funded from the Trust Fund.

Annex

United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial: contributions and pledges as at 30 June 2011

(United States dollars)

Donor	*Contributions*	*Pledges*
Antigua and Barbuda	7 500	
Argentina	10 000	
Australia	100 000	
Azerbaijan	25 000	
Bahamas	7 500	
Barbados	10 000	
Belgium	6 267	
Belize	2 000	
Botswana	10 000	
Brazil	20 000	
Canada	19 342	
Chile	5 000	
China	20 000	
Costa Rica	5 000	
Denmark	10 000	
Ecuador	5 000	
Egypt	5 000	
Finland	50 000	
Grenada		5 000
Guyana	5 000	
India	260 000	
Indonesia	500	
Haiti	15 000	
Jamaica	7 500	
Kuwait	20 000	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	20 000	
Luxembourg	23 403	
Malaysia	10 000	
Malta	500	
Mozambique (Southern African Development Community Group of Ambassadors)	2 500	
Namibia	2 000	
Netherlands	14 588	
Nicaragua	500	
Oman	9 979	

Donor	*Contributions*	*Pledges*
Pakistan	25 000	
Portugal	32 782	
Qatar	20 000	
Slovenia	11 818	
South Africa	30 000	
Spain	44 615	
Sri Lanka	500	
Saint Lucia	600	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 000	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	5 000	
Sudan	1 000	
Suriname	10 000	
Syrian Arab Republic	1 000	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	500	
Togo	175	
Trinidad and Tobago		10 000
Turkey	17 500	
United Arab Emirates	5 000	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	29 076	
Subtotal, Member State donations	**944 645**	
Private donations	28 057	
Interest	17 952	
Total	**990 654**	**15 000**